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BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT, THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 14, 1916.

TWO CENTS.

## SURRENDERED TO THE BULGARIANS

Greeks Give Up Last of the  
Forts Defending Sea-  
port of Kavala

## AMERICAN INTERESTS IN GREAT DANGER

Tobacco Companies from This Country  
Hold \$2,000,000 in Property in City  
Where Houses and Shops Have Been  
Pillaged.

ATHENS, Sept. 14, via London.—The British legation today informed Garrett Duggan, the American minister, that the Greeks have surrendered to the Bulgarians the last of the forts defending the sea-port of Kavala in northeastern Greece. Several of these forts were occupied some time ago by the Bulgarians. Warships of the entente allies have removed 1,500 Greek soldiers to Thessalonica.

Rioting at Kavala is reported and it is said houses and shops have been pillaged. A number of Americans are endangered as is the property of American tobacco companies to the amount of more than two million dollars. No ships are permitted to remain in the harbor.

## IN VIOLENT FIGHTING.

Serbian Gain Trenches of Bulgarians  
on Macedonian Front.

PARIS, Sept. 14. — Serbians and Bulgarians are engaged in violent fighting on the Macedonian front. The war office announced today that the Serbians had captured Bulgarian trenches near Vetrnik and a height northwest of Lake Ostrovo. An engagement south of the lake is turning in favor of the allies.

## ATTACKS WERE FUTILE.

Germans Made Vigorous Efforts on  
Somme and Verdun Fronts.

PARIS, Sept. 14. — The Germans made vigorous efforts last night to drive the French from territory captured recently on the Somme and Verdun fronts. The war office today announced the repulse of several assaults north and south of the Somme and east of the Meuse, at Vaux-Chapelle wood.

## RUMANIANS WINNING.

Repulse Attacks by the Germans and  
the Bulgarians.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 14, via London. — Rumanian troops have repulsed a series of attacks by the Germans and Bulgarians in the Dobruja, the war office announced today.

## Centre Congregational Church

Friday evening, Sept. 15, at 7:30—  
Midweek meeting of the church in the  
chapel. Subject, Christ and Other Mas-  
ters, John 13:1-17; Mark 1:14-22.

## In Odd Fellows' Temple

Regular meeting of Canton Palestine  
Thursday evening, Sept. 14, at 8  
o'clock.

## BRATTLEBORO HIGH SCHOOL

Will Open for the Fall Term  
Monday, September 18  
at 10 a. m.

The building will not be open for  
pupils before that hour on the first day  
of school. Parents or pupils who wish  
to consult Principal Smith about  
school matters may do so at any time  
during office hours, Friday and Satur-  
day, Sept. 15 and 16, 9 to 11 a. m. and  
2 to 4 p. m., in the main room, sec-  
ond floor of the high school building.  
E. B. SMITH, Principal.

## HUSTLING DAY AND NIGHT TO OPEN

## Fenton's Men's Shop

We hope to tell you all about opening in

## FRIDAY'S PAPERS

It has taken years to reach the top of the hill.  
Will continue to be ON THE LEVEL.

## TODAY'S WAR SUMMARY

The French have paused in their advance north of Peronne where they have driven a total distance of six miles into the German lines since July 1 when the offensive on the Somme front began and are now withstanding a series of German counter attacks. Assaults were delivered last night on the French positions both north and south of the Somme but were fruitless for the Germans according to today's bulletin of the Paris war office. The Macedonian campaign apparently is not being pressed on the right of the Saloniki position. The British who advanced across the Struma are reported to have withdrawn to the west bank. The Serbians, however, are continuing their pressure against the Bulgarians along the western end of the line.

## THE ENTENTE MADE

### A SERIOUS MISTAKE

Acted Too Hastily When Greece Was  
Considering Coming into War  
and Cabinet Resigned.

ATHENS, Tuesday, via London Sept. 14, delayed.—Every effort to persuade Alexander Zaimis, the aged premier, to remain in office was fruitless. His pride was wounded by the appearance of the allied fleet off Piraeus at the very moment negotiations had begun for the entry of Greece into the war.

The arrest of Austrians and Germans in Athens by French and British agents and the invasion of the French legation by ruffians who fired shots there, taken in conjunction with the continual internal discord in the fact of a great national crisis, completely discouraged the entire cabinet.

The result was not only to precipitate the retirement of the ministry but to bring to a standstill and possibly even to end all discussion of a departure from neutrality by Greece.

"I hope the entente now sees where its policy of trying to force matters leads," a prominent Greek official with sympathies for the entente, said to the Associated Press today.

## RAID TRACK FOR SLACKERS.

Police Find Only Two Exempt Irish-  
men at Newmarket.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—Military police carried out an extensive raid for shirkers from military service yesterday at the Newmarket race course, just before the race for the classic St. Leger was started. Racing has been in abeyance for over a month and thousands of men attended. Everyone apparently of military age, including reporters, jockeys, bookmakers, betters, race course officials and grooms, was compelled to give an account of himself as he entered and the soldier-police men demanded the production of either an attestation or registration card, or, in the absence of this, a birth or exemption certificate.

In the principal enclosure the first hour's proceedings were almost fruitless, producing only two slackers, who both declared themselves Irishmen and not liable to registration.

## GAIN NORTH OF GINCHY.

British Make Further Progress, Accord-  
ing to Official Report.

LONDON, Sept. 14. — The British have made further progress on the Somme front north of Ginchy, it was announced officially today. The general situation is unchanged, says the statement.

## THE WEATHER.

Fair Tonight and Tomorrow — Cooler  
Friday—Moderate Winds.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14. — The weather forecast: Fair tonight and Friday. Cooler Friday. Moderate, variable winds.

## Special Notice

To announce Otela Duquette,  
teacher of Modern Dancing. This  
Friday evening, Sept. 15, Island  
Park.

## THE PRIMARY VOTE

## WILL EXCEED 45,000

Page's Plurality Over Fletch-  
er in the Neighborhood  
of 13,000

## WEEKS AND HULBURD IN VERY CLOSE RACE

Rutland Herald Figures That on the  
Revised Returns with 19 Towns Miss-  
ing Hulburd Has a Lead of About 250  
Votes.

RUTLAND, Sept. 14.—With about 19 towns missing, the victory of Senator Carroll S. Page for the Republican nomination does not look up quite so large. He will not have twice as many votes as both of his opponents together, but a little better than twice as many as Allen M. Fletcher, his nearest competitor.

The total vote cast is extremely large. It will be more than 45,000 votes, in all probability, when the missing towns are comprehended in an official report. For this, the fine weather was very largely responsible, although both of the leading candidates for senator had active organizations in every county and Senator Page's organization was nearly complete in every town.

The senator's plurality over Mr. Fletcher will be in the vicinity of 13,000 votes and his majority over both about 5,800. The Rutland Herald's tabulations give the following figures:

Page	25,186
Fletcher	12,180
Gates	7,290
Total	44,556

The contest between Weeks and Hulburd for the nomination as lieutenant governor is exceedingly close.

The vote at Eagle Pass, Texas, will not materially affect the situation, with 67 votes for Weeks and 56 for Hulburd. On the revised returns, Hulburd has about a 150 lead over Weeks.

There is no change in the Ben Gates-Cave vote, except in degree, the general secretary of the present governor having the nomination strongly cinched.

The following Associated Press despatch received last night from Burlington does not agree, in the matter of figures, with the Rutland Herald's tabulations:

BURLINGTON, Sept. 13.—Virtually complete returns from Tuesday's state primary in which United States Senator Carroll S. Page easily won renomination, established tonight the success of Roger W. Hulburd in a close contest with John E. Fletcher for the Republican nomination for lieutenant governor. With only a few minor precincts missing Hulburd's vote was 15,446 to 14,937 for Weeks.

The extent of Senator Page's victory was shown in the following almost complete figures: Page, 25,780; former Gov. Allen M. Fletcher, 8,876; Gov. Charles W. Gates, 7,555. Benjamin Gates won the Republican nomination for state auditor, leading Thomas H. Cave, jr., 14,987 to 12,200.

## CENTRAL POWERS' ARMIES TO BALKANS

Germany to Furnish 200,000 Men and  
Austria 100,000, According  
to Reports.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—A wireless press despatch from Rome says that at the general council of the central powers at the headquarters of the German emperor an offensive campaign in the Balkans was mapped out and that Germany will send 200,000 men and Austria 100,000 for this purpose.

## BRITISH ARE ACTIVE.

Are Continuing Operations on Both  
Struma and Dorian Fronts.

LONDON, Sept. 14. — "There has been considerable activity on both our Struma and our Dorian fronts," says the official report today. "In regard to the Macedonian campaign our patrols have been active on the east bank of the Struma."

## POPE BENEDICT REFUSES.

Withholds Recommendation to Spare  
Priceless Treasures.

ROME, Sept. 14.—In view of the recent aerial bombardment of Venice Pope Benedict has refused to Austria-Hungary his recommendation that during the war churches, monuments and art treasures be spared.

## THIRTY-ONE NEW CASES.

Infantile Paralysis Shows Increase  
Over the Low Record.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. — The reports of the progress of the epidemic of infantile paralysis for the 24 hours ending at 10 a. m. today shows an increase over the low record of the previous day. There were 36 new cases and 11 deaths, as against 31 new cases and nine deaths for the preceding day.

## WILL MAINTAIN OPEN DOOR POLICY

New Russo-Japanese Treaty Does  
Not Repeal or Affect Treaties  
of 1907 and 1910.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—Both Japan and Russia have given the United States formal assurances that the new Russo-Japanese treaty does not repeal or affect the treaties of 1907 and 1910, in which those nations pledged themselves to maintain the integrity of China and the open door policy.

The assurances were given to Ambassadors Guthrie at Tokio and Francis at Petrograd in response to inquiries.

The state department today received from Mr. Guthrie a note on the subject addressed him by the Japanese foreign office stating in unequivocal terms that Japan had not for a moment entertained an intention of departing from these policies.

Department officials let it be known that the statements were entirely satisfactory and that inquiries regarding the new treaty, over which they had been considerably perturbed, probably would not be pressed further.

## ASKS EXTENSION

### OF ABSENCE LEAVE

Lieut. W. R. Spaulding's Resignation  
Not Yet Accepted—May Have to  
Return to Eagle Pass.

Lieut. Walter R. Spaulding, who tendered his resignation from the First Vermont regiment and came home on a leave of absence of 15 days, has applied for an extension of 15 days and expects to hear from Washington today that this has been granted. His resignation, according to a telegram from Col. Ira L. Reeves of the regiment at Eagle Pass, Texas, has not been accepted. Whether this means that it has been denied or merely that it has not gone through the necessary channels and been received back at the headquarters of the regiment Lieut. Spaulding does not know.

If he receives the extension of time and during that period his resignation is not accepted, he will be obliged to return to Eagle Pass and take up again his military duties.

## HIGH OFFICIALS

### COME BY SPECIAL

Grand Trunk and Central Vermont  
Presidents and Others Here on An-  
nual Tour of Inspection.

A special train of four cars brought President Chamberlain of the Grand Trunk railroad and President Smith of the Central Vermont road and other high officials on their annual tour of inspection of the Central Vermont to Brattleboro about 10:30 o'clock last night. The party remained in their private cars in the yard last night, after inspecting the new railroad station, and left early this morning for New London. It is expected that they will return through Brattleboro this evening.

## CHINESE MALTREATED.

Not Given Square Deal, Says San Fran-  
cisco Chamber of Commerce.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.—That Chinese coming to this country have not been "accorded a square deal by the immigration officials either in San Francisco or Washington," was the report made yesterday by a committee appointed by the San Francisco chamber of commerce to investigate the treatment of oriental immigrants at San Francisco. The chamber of commerce, in a telegram sent last night to President Wilson dealing with the report, asked for his assistance in effecting a remedy.

"We note with particular regret," the message said, "that since last April, when you favored a representative of our investigating committee with a personal interview on the subject, Secretary of Labor Wilson has demanded and succeeded in his demand for the removal of the San Francisco Chinese consul-general because of his complaints of what we believe to be arbitrary and inhuman treatment of Chinese by the local and Washington authorities which treatment has been made worse since the complaint was made by us to you."

The Chinese Six companies in San Francisco recently protested to President Wilson against the removal of the Chinese consul-general.

## U. S. INTERVENES FOR ELTON.

Asks Mexico to Commute Death Sen-  
tence to Prison Term.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 14.—Through its representative here, the American state department has asked that the sentence of death imposed some time ago upon Harold E. Elton be commuted to 20 years' imprisonment.

Elton, who is an American mining engineer, was tried in Oaxaca on a charge of aiding the reactionaries and was found guilty and sentenced to death. A month ago at the request of James Linn Rodgers, representative of the United States before the de facto government, Gen. Carranza, postponed the execution of the sentence.

It is speculation if you happen to win, but it is gambling if you lose.

## NEW RECTOR TO BEGIN SUNDAY

Rev. J. Frederick Virgin to  
Take Charge of Epis-  
copal Parish

## GRADUATED FROM GENERAL SEMINARY

Worked Under Trinity Parish in Poor-  
er Parts of New York — Formerly in  
Mountain Mission Work in Tennessee  
—Born in 1884.

Rev. J. Frederick Virgin, the newly  
elected rector of St. Michael's Epis-  
copal church, who has just completed  
his pastorate in Elizabeth, N. J., is ex-



REV. J. FREDERICK VIRGIN

pected to arrive in Brattleboro to-  
night or tomorrow morning. He will  
begin his pastorate here Sunday. His  
family will not come until next  
month.

Rev. Mr. Virgin was born in Beth-  
lehem, Pa., in 1884. He is a son of  
Carl Virgin, inspecting engineer on  
the Panama Canal commission, with  
headquarters in New York city, who  
formerly was representative of the  
Australian and New Zealand govern-  
ment railways for the United States  
and Europe.

He is married and has three chil-  
dren. His wife was born in Buenos  
Aires, Argentina, of German and  
American parents, where her father  
has been for many years actuary to  
the government. She was educated  
there and at Vassar college.

Rev. Mr. Virgin received his early  
education in England, later attending  
the Polytechnic Institute at Balti-  
more, Md., where he prepared to fol-  
low his father's profession of metal-  
lurgical engineering.

Subsequently he attended St. Ste-  
phen's college, Annandale, N. Y., and  
the University of the South at Se-  
wanee, Tenn. At the latter place he  
worked in the mountain missions of  
the Order of the Holy Cross. He then  
completed his theological training at  
the General Theological seminary in  
New York city, where he graduated.

While at the seminary he worked  
under the auspices of Trinity parish  
in the poorer parts of the city and  
took charge of summer camps of boys  
under suspended sentence.

His last charge before coming to  
Brattleboro was that of Grace church,  
Elizabeth, N. J.

## U. S. TO CONSTRUCT OWN ARMOR FACTORY

This Is the Opinion of Naval Officers—  
800 Cities Make Claims  
for Site.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—The gov-  
ernment will construct its own armor  
plate factory, in the opinion of naval  
officers. When hearings on the question  
of a site for the proposed \$11,000,000  
armor plant were resumed at the navy  
department today no offers for the sale  
of private plants had been made and  
it is believed that none would be.

Additional offers of sites were made  
before Secretary Daniels and other na-  
val officers today. The advantages of  
Rhode Island cities were urged. The  
claims of more than 800 cities already  
have been presented.

## WOMAN'S VOTE SMALL.

Gentler Sex Failed to Appear in the  
Illinois Primary.

CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—Less than 14  
per cent of the registered women  
voters in Chicago balloted in the pri-  
mary yesterday, according to returns  
today. There were approximately 22,  
000 votes of the Democratic women to  
16,000 for the Republican women.

## COUNTY COURT

### BEGINS BUSINESS

Docket Cleared of Numerous Cases This  
Forenoon — Demurrer Argued in  
Power Co. Against Brown.

The September term of the Wind-  
ham county court, which was formally  
opened Tuesday and then adjourned to  
this morning because of the state pri-  
maries Tuesday, began business this  
morning soon after 9 o'clock, after  
Rev. C. W. Mock of Newfane had of-  
fered prayer. Judge Leighton P.  
Slack is the presiding judge, with F.  
B. Pier and E. L. Hastings assistant  
judges, besides most of the membership  
of the Windham county bar, were Ho-  
mer Skeels of Ludlow, F. G. Bicknell  
of Chester and Robert Simonds of St.  
Johnsbury.

The following cases were marked as  
settled and discontinued: A. W. Gray's  
Sons against George R. and Gustava  
Goodenough; Eugene F. Bigelow  
against Charles E. Bacon; Ole Anton-  
sen against William J. Starrett; Man-  
ley against the Boston and Maine  
Railroad Co., and the Crystal Springs  
Ice Co.; Ezra P. Barney against Del-  
bert J. Stone, apt.; Daisy B. Town-  
send against Henry W. Porter; Wil-  
liam L. Townshend against Henry W.  
Porter.

These cases were marked as discon-  
tinued: Holden & Randall against J. E.  
Galvin, apt.; Edward L. Walker  
against Elliott G. White.

Attorney F. G. Barber representing  
Wilson L. Brown, and Attorney Harold  
E. Whitney for the Connecticut River  
Power Co., argued a demurrer. The  
original case is an effort on the part  
of Mr. Brown to collect from the power  
company pay for the use of a right of  
way for the greater part of a year,  
the plaintiff claiming that a contract  
with the power company called for  
the use of the road for the rest of the  
year of 1915 at a weekly charge for its  
use.

The power company had demurred,  
seeking to have the action taken to  
the court of chancery. Mr. Whitney  
claimed that there was no other ques-  
tion in the case except the construction  
of the contract and he asked that the  
court place a construction upon the  
contract.

Mr. Barber argued for a common  
law trial by jury, declaring that there  
was no ground for the transfer of the  
case to a court of equity. Judge Slack  
reserved decision.

It is expected that this will be a  
short term of court.

## AUSTINE SCHOOL

### TO OPEN SEPT. 27

Larger Enrollment than Last Year Ex-  
pected—Three Teachers Engaged  
to Fill Vacancies.

The Austine Institution will open  
Sept. 27. It is expected that there will  
be a larger number of pupils than last  
year. Most of the older pupils are ex-  
pected to return and several applica-  
tions of new ones have been received.

Three changes in the teaching staff  
have been made because of resignations  
at the close of the last term. Mrs. G.  
E. Warner resigned to accept the prin-  
cipalship of the New England In-  
dustrial school at Beverly, Mass. Miss  
Margaret A. Nelson and Miss Edith  
Kendall resigned to take position in  
the Rhode Island institute at Provi-  
dence, R. I.

Miss Frances S. Cruser of Melrose,  
Pa., Miss Marion I. Davis and Miss  
Ruth H. Oehler of Scranton, Pa., have  
been engaged to succeed them. All three  
are graduates of the normal class of the  
Pennsylvania Oral school at Scranton.

## BROOKS SENTENCED

### TO STATE PRISON

Pleaded Guilty to Statutory Charge as  
Result of Complaint of West  
Dummerston Girl.

John Brooks, who was arrested last  
month on a statutory charge upon com-  
plaint of Dorothy Kendall of West Dum-  
merston, was sentenced this morning  
by Judge Frank E. Barber of the Brat-  
tleboro municipal court to not less than  
one and one-half years nor more than  
two years in the state prison.

Brooks yesterday demanded that the  
state's attorney file an information  
against him and this was done yester-  
day afternoon. In order to avoid the  
necessity of transferring Brooks from  
Newfane to Brattleboro yesterday af-  
ternoon the municipal court session was  
held this morning in Newfane before  
Judge Leighton P. Slack.

The others who were implicated in the  
charges made by the girl will have their  
trials at the county court session, none  
of them having asked that information be  
filed against them.

## TWO DIE IN PISTOL DUEL.

Sheriff and Man He Attempts to Ar-  
rest Fire at Same Instant.

WORTHVILLE, Ky., Sept. 14.—J. E.  
Roberts, sheriff of Carroll county, and  
Lucian Rice, whom he was attempting  
to arrest, were killed simultaneously in  
a pistol duel late yesterday at Rice's  
home at Sanders, near here. Sheriff  
Robertson found Rice sitting on his  
front porch armed. Both opened fire at  
once. Each was killed instantly. Rice  
was wanted on a disorderly conduct  
charge.

No girl can successfully nuptiate  
judge and nurse a case of disappointed  
love at the same time.

## TRAINS RUNNING ON REGULAR SCHEDULES

But Striking Street Car Em-  
ployes Claim They Are  
Not Beaten

## STILL HAVE HOPES OF SYMPATHETIC STRIKE

The Railway Companies Say It is No  
Longer Necessary to Hire Strike  
Breakers, as Hundreds of Former Em-  
ployes Have Returned.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—Despite the  
maintenance of regular schedules on the  
subway and elevated lines of the Inter-  
borough Rapid Transit company and the  
gradual restoration of service on the sur-  
face lines leaders of the striking street  
railway employees declared today that they  
were far from being defeated.

They hinted that the danger of a sym-  
pathetic strike is not yet over. Strike  
leaders predict that resolutions favoring a  
strike among the trades allied with the  
street railway employees will be adopted  
today.

Whether the strike will actually take  
place, however, will depend upon the in-  
dividual votes of the unions, it was as-  
serted. The railway companies say that it  
is no longer necessary for them to hire  
strike breakers, claiming that hundreds of  
their former employees have returned to  
work.

Five trolley cars came together in a  
series of rear-end collisions on the West-  
chester avenue line in the Bronx today  
and 10 passengers were injured, one of  
them seriously. The accident occurred at  
the foot of a steep incline and the car  
crews who, it is said, were strike break-  
ers, claimed that the rails had been  
greased with crude oil during the night  
so that the brakes would not hold.

## ELOPEMENT CAUSES

### RELIGIOUS WAR

Syrian Couple Came to Brattleboro and  
Were Married—One Was Christian,  
the Other Mohammedan.

The recent elopement of Elizabeth  
Moffett, a Christian Syrian of Springfield,  
Mass., with Allie Sofan of Springfield,  
a Mohammedan of the same race, has start-  
ed a religious war in the Syrian colony in  
that city, and as a result Thomas Yabek,  
one of the alleged participants in a dis-  
turbance at the store of Hassan Niss on  
Sharon street, was haled into police court  
yesterday. He pleaded not guilty and  
furnished bonds of \$1,000 for appearance  
in court Sept. 21.

This couple came to Brattleboro Aug. 28  
and the marriage was performed by Jus-  
tice C. S. Hopkins. Another Syrian cou-  
ple came with them, but Mr. Hopkins re-  
fused to issue them a license, because the  
young man was a minor.

Niss is in fear of his life and is given  
special protection each night by a guard  
of officers who escort him from his store  
to his home after closing hours and pro-  
tect him at other times. Just what his  
connection with the elopement is does not  
appear.

Previous to the departure of young  
Sofan a group of Christians attacked him  
and beat him with clubs and stones. Two  
of the number were arrested and each  
fined \$25. Relatives of the Moffett girl  
have tried to get the police to locate her,  
but she recently became 18 and had a  
right to marry whom she wished. After  
their marriage they are said to have gone  
to a large western city.

## LOSES CONTROL OF FORD AUTOMOBILE

S. S. Washer of West Dummerston  
Thrown Out and Received Cut on  
Head When Car Runs Into Bank.

A Ford car owned and driven by S.  
S. Washer of West Dummerston got be-  
yond his control this morning. It ran  
into a bank at the side of the road near  
the watering trough just south of West  
Dummerston village and was badly  
damaged. Mr. Washer was thrown out  
and received a cut on his head, but he  
was not badly injured.

## NEW HEALTH LAW.

Local Authorities to Make Rules Guard-  
ing Against Paralysis.

BOSTON, Sept. 14. — A bill giving  
health authorities in all cities and towns  
authority to make such rules and regu-  
lations as are deemed necessary to  
check the spread of infantile paralysis  
was passed by both branches of the  
legislature today. The measure was  
recommended by Gov. McCall in a spe-  
cial message after consultation with  
members of the state board of health.  
Provision is made for the establish-  
ment of quarantines in localities where  
the